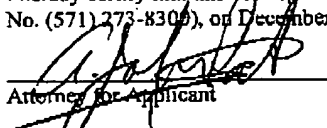


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UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests the granting of an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as follows:

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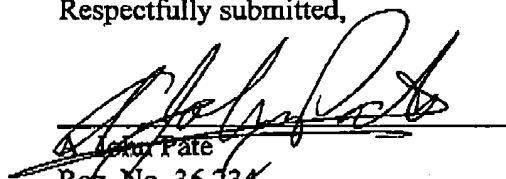
This application: claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/416,342, filed October 4, 2002; and is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/364,785, filed February 11, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/840,052, filed April 24, 1997.

As required by 35 U.S.C. § 120, Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a Request for Certificate of Correction amending to the first paragraph of the specification of the above-identified patent application to recite the entire priority claim set forth hereinabove. Also, Applicant confirms that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Included herewith is a credit card form (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of one thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$1,370.00) to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). Accordingly, Applicant requests that the correction to the specification filed concurrently herewith be accepted and that the unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120, set forth hereinabove, be granted.

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